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OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, on the invention entitled INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE FOR MANAGING MULTIPLE LOW BANDWIDTH CONNECTIONS OVER A HIGH BANDWIDTH LINK and of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the application for patent, which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 2/11/00 and assigned the serial number 09/502,947.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

No prior foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate has been filed.

No priority claim is made under 35 U.S.C. §119.

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Provisional application number 60/126,825, filed March 30, 1999 for INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE FOR MANAGING MULTIPLE LOW BANDWIDTH CONNECTIONS OVER A HIGH BANDWIDTH LINK and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclosure information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application.

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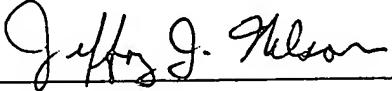
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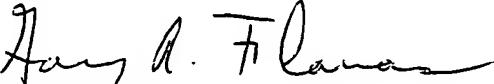
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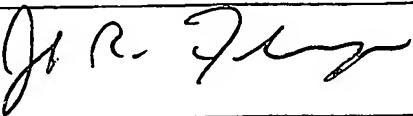
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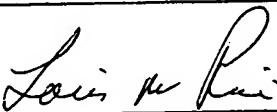
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In re Application of:

Jeffrey J. NELSON, et al.

Serial No. 09/502,947

Filed: February 11, 2000

For: INTERCONNECTION
ARCHITECTURE FOR MANAGING
MULTIPLE LOW BANDWIDTH
CONNECTIONS OVER A HIGH
BANDWIDTH LINK

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

McDATA Corporation ("assignee"), certifies that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced patent application and represents that the undersigned is a representative authorized and empowered to sign on behalf of the assignee.

Assignee has reviewed the assignment documents that evidence placement of title in the assignee. Please see the Certificate under 3.37(b) attached hereto.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36 and 3.71, the assignee hereby revokes all powers of attorney previously given and appoints:

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McDATA CORPORATION, a corporation,
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2. an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application;/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010858, Frame 0411, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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[] Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

[] Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

02-28-01
Date

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